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To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 442

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-13-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPOUNDING LIVESTOCK FOUND LOOSE
3 ON THE HIGHWAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 69-13-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 69-13-105. The fees, assessments, liens and charges against
8 livestock picked up and impounded under Sections 69-13-101 and
9 69-13-103 are as follows:

10 (a) An assessment of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per head,
11 which shall go to the private individual employed by the
12 Commissioner of Public Safety to perform such work.

13 (b) Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per head, which
14 shall be an impoundment fee, One Dollar (\$1.00) of which shall be
15 forwarded, for each animal impounded, to the State Treasurer,
16 earmarked for the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, on the first
17 day of each month, and the balance of One Dollar and Fifty Cents
18 (\$1.50) shall be deposited in the general county fund of the
19 county in which the animal is impounded.

20 (c) There shall be an assessment of Three Dollars
21 (\$3.00) per day, per head of impounded livestock, such assessment

22 to be deposited in the general county fund to pay for the cost of
23 feeding and caring for such livestock, if the livestock is
24 impounded in a county-owned and operated enclosure, but if the
25 animal is impounded in a private enclosure provided by the private
26 individual employed by the Commissioner of Public Safety, such fee
27 shall be paid to that individual.

28 (d) Any incidental costs, such as securing the services
29 of a veterinarian, a milker or other necessary incidental
30 expenses.

31 All the above assessments, fees and costs shall be and are
32 hereby made a first and paramount lien upon such animals until
33 same are paid in full, and upon the sale of the livestock, as
34 provided in this article, all such assessments shall be withheld
35 and taken from the proceeds of the sale and paid to the proper
36 person, officer or fund as set forth above prior to the payment of
37 any amount to the original owner of the animal.

38 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2000.